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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6059 NOTE PREPARED: Apr 5, 2011 BILL NUMBER: SB 248 BILL AMENDED: Jan 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Indiana National Guard.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Wyss BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Borders

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

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<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill makes changes to the powers of the State Armory Board to accept and convey real and personal property and to expend funds. The bill provides for certain changes to the structure of the State Armory Board, and expands the definition of "commanding officer".

It provides that for purposes of the federal controlled substance statutes, the Indiana National Guard is considered a law enforcement agency and is eligible to receive forfeited property from federal law enforcement agencies.

The bill also establishes a First Sergeant Ribbon as an award for the Indiana Air National Guard.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

<u>Explanation of State Expenditures:</u> This bill will allow court martial fees to be paid directly to the National Guard. Currently, court martial fees are first forwarded to the county treasurer, then to the Treasurer of State, and finally back to the National Guard. This bill is expected to decrease the workload of the State Treasurer.

The bill establishes the First Sergeant Ribbon for the Indiana Air National Guard. The National Guard reports these awards will cost the state approximately \$2.55 each to produce and a relatively small number of individuals will receive this award annually (an estimated 12 individuals annually).

The National Guard reports the remaining provisions of the bill are intended to allow the National Guard to operate more efficiently and also modernize outdated language in current statute pertaining to Military Code.

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Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill will decrease the workload of the county treasurer by allowing the treasurer to process fewer payments from court martial fees.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana National Guard; Treasurer of State.

Local Agencies Affected: County treasurer.

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